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SUBJECT: AMCIT REPATRIATION: ANASTASIA PATRICIA PETRUSEVICIENE

FOR EUR/SOV AND PPT

REF: OM OF DECEMBER 28 TO PPT/FE

1. MRS. ANASTASIA PATRICIA PETRUSEVICIENE (WIDOW), NEE ZEMGULIS
SEPT 29, 1914, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY, INFORMED EMBASSY BY
TELEGRAM DECEMBER 29 THAT SHE HAS RECEIVED SOVIET EXIT
PERMISSION FOR REPATRIATION TO U.S.

2. PETRUSEVICIENE IS ONE OF EIGHT REPATRIATION CASES RAISED
RECENTLY BY HIGH LEVEL USG OFFICIALS (MOSCOW 14507, STATE 198580).
HER CASE AND THOSE OF TWO OTHER US-BORN AMCITS IN LITHUANIA
(IECHEPENE AND DASKEVICIENE) WERE ALSO GIVEN PARTICULAR EMPHASIS
WHEN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD CONSOFFS PRESENTED LITHUANIAN PORTION
OF USG REPRESENTATION LIST XV TO VILNIUS OVIR DIRECTOR OCTOBER
10 (MOSCOW 12671). PETRUSEVICIENE HAS ENDEAVORED FOR OVER TWENTY
YEARS TO OBTAIN REQUISITE SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION, AND SHE SUFFERED
LONG CONFINEMENT IN SOVIET LABOR CAMP DUE SIMPLY TO FACT THAT
SHE WAS US-BORN. (UPON HER RELEASE IN MID-1950'S SHE WAS
INFORMED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES THAT CONFINEMENT HAS BEEN
"MISTAKE.")

3. AS REPORTED IN REFERENCED OM, EMBASSY HAS FOUND IN
REVIEWING ITS FILE ON THIS CASE THAT WE HAVE NO RECORD OF
FORMAL DECISION AS TO PETRUSEVICIENE'S US CITIZENSHIP, ALTHOUGH
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EMBASSY FILE INCLUDES SATISFACTORY PRIMARY EVIDENCE OF BIRTH

IN U.S. UPON RECEIPT OF REFERENCED OM, DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CONSULT ITS FILE THIS CASE AND TO CABLE ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION. EMBASSY IS CONFIDENT, BASED ON CONTINUING CONTACT WITH PETRUSEVICIENE OVER SEVERAL YEARS, THAT SHE HAS PERFORMED NO RPT NO EXPATRIATING ACT; MOST RECENT INTERVIEW WITH HER WAS DURING CONSOFFS VISIT TO VILNIUS CITED PARA 2 ABOVE. SINCE PETRUSEVICIENE I* CLOSING HER AFFAIRS IN LITHUANIA AND APPEARING AT EMBASSY FOR PROCESSING JANUARY 14, DEPARTMENT COMMENT WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY THAT DATE.

4. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE PETRUSEVICIENE'S BROTHER MATTHEW ZEMGULYS, 211 GRANDVIEW TERRACE, HARFORD, CONN., OF FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT THIS CASE.SOMMERLATTE

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